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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:

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U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC § 371 from
the International Application of
Christopher Andrew Morrison
Int'l Application No. PCT/US00/09852
Filed in the RO/US on 13 April 2000
Entitled: Light Reflecting Particles

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2-12, 14 and 16-17 without prejudice and insert therefor Claims 18-27 as follows.

18. (New) A detergent particle according to Claim 1 wherein said particle has a luster index exceeding the luster index of sodium citrate dihydrate wherein further the sodium citrate particles have a particle size of from 355 microns to 600 microns and a mean particle size of 450 microns.

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19 (New) A detergent particle according to Claim 1 wherein said light reflecting component comprises a layer sheet material.

20. (New) A detergent particle according to Claim 19 wherein said light reflecting component comprises mica.

21. (New) A detergent particle according to Claim 19 wherein said light reflecting component comprises a metal oxide.